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WELCOME TO THE COMIC BOOK UNIVERSES OF **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** AND **MEGA MAN** – REALMS UNIQUE & BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA AND CAPCOM GAMES! WHERE THE WORLDS OF SONIC AND MEGA MAN HAVE COLLIDED IN THE PAST, AND WILL NOW **UNITE!**

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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

Sonic is the fastest, coolest hedgehog there is. He is free as the wind, and fights against the evil ambitions of Dr. Eggman!

MEGA MAN

PART ONE

Mega Man is a super fighting robot built by Dr. Light to protect his home and family from the evil forces of Dr. Wily.



PREVIOUSLY...

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Sonic is the world's fastest hedgehog!

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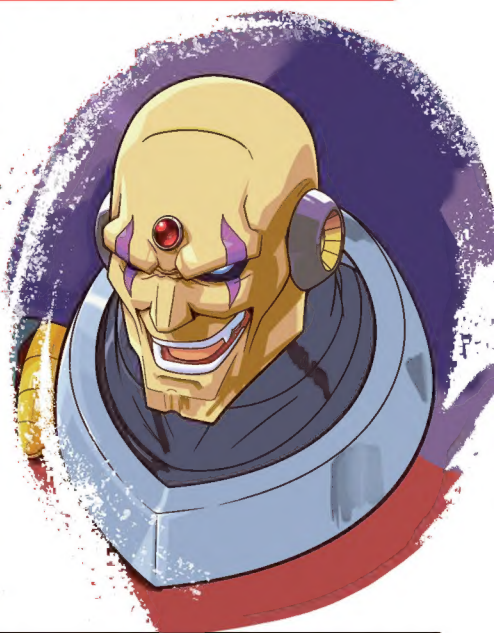
The GENESIS PORTALS...

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MEGA MAN'S
WORLD 21XX
--FAR INTO
THE FUTURE

HUNTERS!
ARM YOUR WEAPONS
AND SYNC WITH YOUR
NAVIGATORS!

ZERO!
AXL!
YOU'RE WITH
ME!

AXL
PROTOTYPE
NEXT-GEN
REPLID

X
HUNTER
LEADER

ZERO
ELITE
HUNTER



WE STOP
SIGMA HERE
AND NOW!

SKYEW

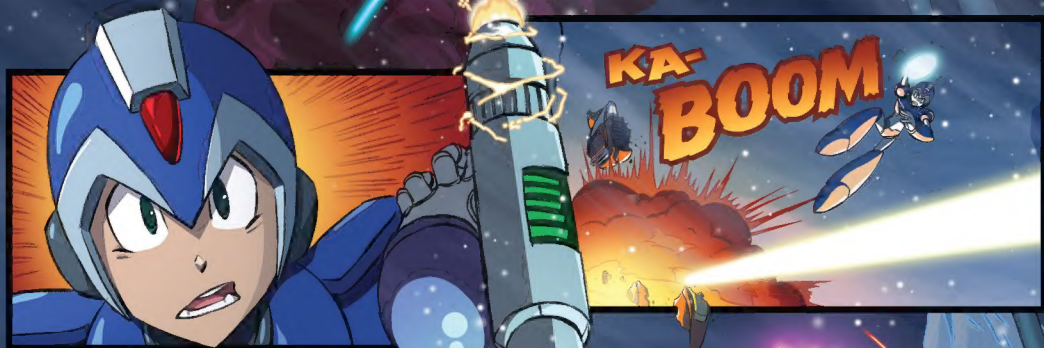
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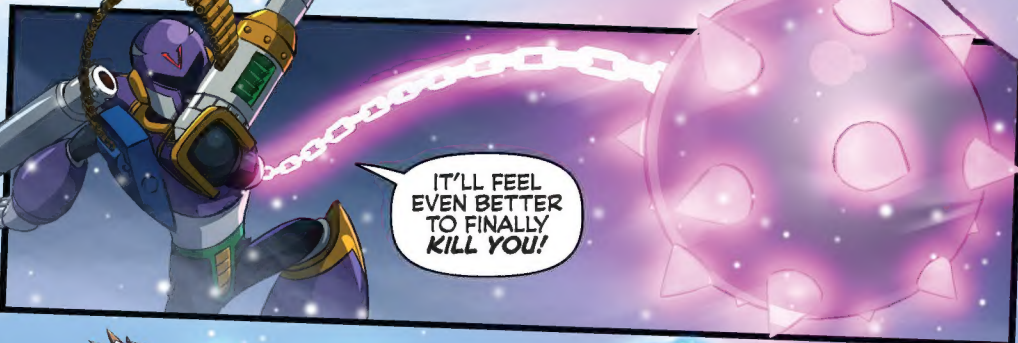
SKYEW



HAHAHA!
IT ALWAYS FEELS
SO GOOD TO
SHOOT YOU!

BLAM

VILE
VICIOUS
EX-HUNTER



IT'LL FEEL
EVEN BETTER
TO FINALLY
KILL YOU!

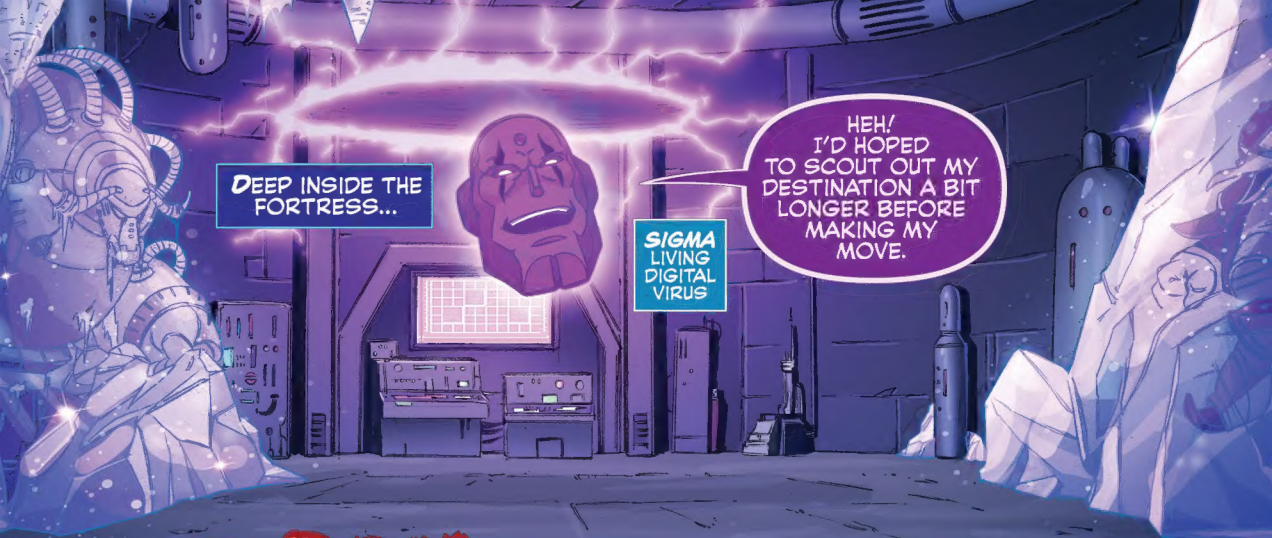


GRR! HE GETS
MOUTHIER EVERY
TIME SIGMA
RESURRECTS
HIM!

GO! AXL
AND I WILL
COVER
YOU!

RIGHT!
THANKS,
ZERO.

SKWIT



DEEP INSIDE THE
FORTRESS...

SIGMA
LIVING
DIGITAL
VIRUS

HEH!
I'D HOPED
TO SCOUT OUT MY
DESTINATION A BIT
LONGER BEFORE
MAKING MY
MOVE.

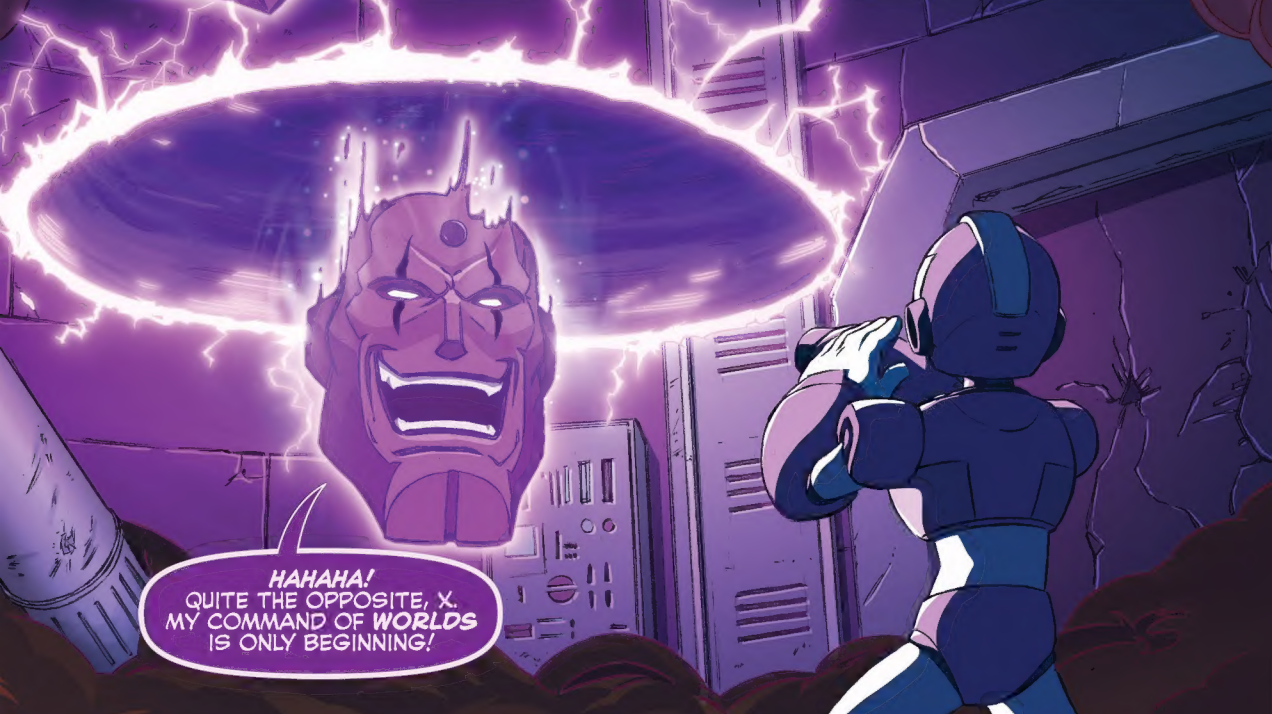


KA-BOOM!

THEN AGAIN,
DR. EGGMAN HAS
ALL BUT SET THINGS UP
FOR ME BY ABUSING
THE ZETI...



SIGMA!
YOUR THREAT
TO OUR WORLD
IS FINALLY AT
AN END!



HAHAHA!
QUITE THE OPPOSITE, X.
MY COMMAND OF WORLDS
IS ONLY BEGINNING!



SHVORN

WHAT
THE--?!

X

"WHERE DID SIGMA ESCAPE TO?!"

SONIC'S WORLD
--THE PRESENT

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE

HUH...
TAILS SAID I'D
FIND IT OUT
AROUND HERE...

...BUT I'M
ABOUT TO
RUN OUT OF
"HERE."*

*SONIC'S WORLD
SHATTERED DUE TO
THE EVENTS IN
"SONIC & MEGA MAN:
WORLDS COLLIDE
--VOL. 3!"

EH--
GRAVITY
IS JUST A
THEORY
ANYWAY!





HEY THERE, LITTLE FELLAH!

DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S DANGEROUS AROUND HERE?



AH-HA! IT'S ANOTHER OF KNUCKLES'S MASTER EMERALD SHARDS!



I SWEAR, I'M DOING HIS JOB FOR HIM AT THIS RATE...




HUP!



TOO BAD WE CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE SHARDS AND THE CHAOS EMERALDS FROM LONG RANGE.

WE NEED TO GET THAT LAST EMERALD AND HURRY UP ABOUT FIXING THE PLANET.



ACTION AND ADVENTURE ARE COOL AND ALL, BUT EVEN THEY GET SAME-Y WITHOUT A FEW MOMENTS OF PEACE...

MEGA MAN'S
WORLD 20XX--
THE PRESENT

OUTSIDE
LIGHT LABS

MEGA MAN
WEAPON EQUIP:
THUNDER BEAM

OKAY, ON MY MARK,
WE GIVE IT ONE STEADY
JOLT. READY?

READY!

THREE,
TWO, ONE--
MARK!

ELEC MAN
POWER-MANAGING
ROBOT MASTER



YAY! WE HAVE
POWER AGAIN!

HEH HEH--TOO BAD!
HAVING ICE MAN AND
FIRE MAN TAG-TEAMING
AS THE HEATING AND
COOLING UNITS
WAS FUNNY.

WHEW! WE'VE BEEN
DEALING WITH ONE
CRISIS AFTER
ANOTHER FOR
SO LONG...

THINGS MIGHT
ACTUALLY FEEL LIKE
THEY'RE BACK TO
NORMAL SOON!

HEY,
MEGS!

ROLL
MEGA
MAN'S
SISTER

CUT MAN
FORESTRY
ROBOT
MASTER

GUTS MAN
GROUND CLEARING
ROBOT MASTER

CONCRETE MAN
CONSTRUCTION
ROBOT MASTER

WHAT'S
UP, GUTS
MAN?

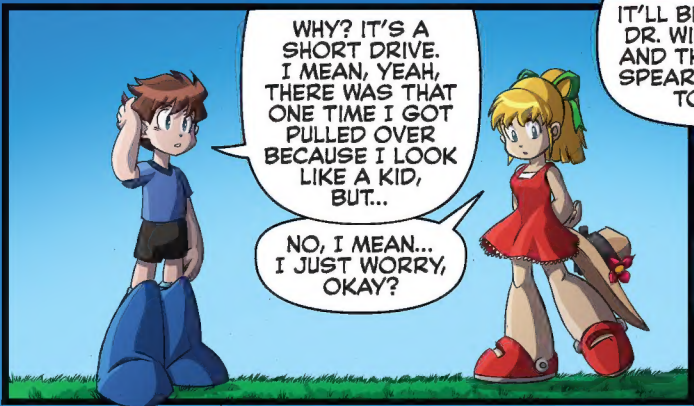
WE'VE ALMOST FINISHED THE
REPAIRS ON THE EAST WING
OF THE LAB, BUT WE'VE
RUN OUT OF MATERIALS.
YOU'RE BACK TO BEING A
CUDDLY LITTLE HELPER
BOT NOW, RIGHT?





HAHA!
YEAH, I AM. I'LL
GO INTO TOWN
AND PICK SOME
THINGS UP.

YOU
SHOULD
TAKE
SOME-
ONE
WITH
YOU.

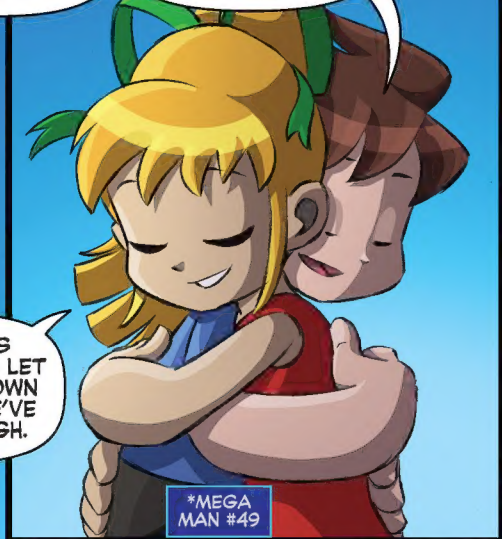


WHY? IT'S A
SHORT DRIVE.
I MEAN, YEAH,
THERE WAS THAT
ONE TIME I GOT
PULLED OVER
BECAUSE I LOOK
LIKE A KID,
BUT...

NO, I MEAN...
I JUST WORRY,
OKAY?

IT'LL BE OKAY, SIS.
DR. WILY IS DEAD,
AND THE EMERALD
SPEARS ALL WENT
TO JAIL.*

JUST BECAUSE I'M
LEAVING YOUR SIGHT
DOESN'T MEAN
DISASTER WILL
STRIKE.



I KNOW. IT'S
JUST HARD TO LET
MY GUARD DOWN
AFTER ALL WE'VE
BEEN THROUGH.

*MEGA
MAN #49



I UNDERSTAND.
MAYBE YOU'LL FEEL
BETTER ONCE I COME
BACK SAFE AND
SOUND?

YEAH RIGHT.
JUST GET GOING
ALREADY.

HA!
SEE YOU
IN A LITTLE
BIT!

"AND I
PROMISE..."

"...I'LL BE FINE!"

SONIC'S WORLD
--LOST HEX

DR. EGGMAN
MAD GENIUS

"Dr. Eggman's Log of
Glorious Conquest..."

"...and hopefully
not my final entry."

"In an effort to get a new perspective on the whole
"shattered world" problem, I conquered the small,
hidden world of Lost Hex and enslaved the locals,
the Deadly Six."

"I had them build me a base,
keeping them in line with the
power of the Cacophonous
Conch..."

"...until Orbot smashed it,
leaving me rather defenseless."

ORBOT
EGGMAN'S
ROBOTIC
LACKEY--
LOOKING
A LITTLE...
EVIL...
TODAY...

THE
DEADLY SIX
THE ZETI OF
LOST HEX

O-ORBOT,
BUDDY? YOU
FEELIN'
OKAY?

CUBOT
ORBOT'S FELLOW
ROBO-LACKEY

KRASH

"I was furious at the betrayal! Only
to come to find out that it wasn't
really Orbot, but Orbot infected
by an other-worldly virus calling
itself ... "Sigma"."

NOW THEN,
DOCTOR. I'VE
STUDIED YOU FOR
SOME TIME NOW.
I'LL BE NEEDING
YOUR RARE SKILLS
AND INTELLECT.

"Then I was
still furious, but
for entirely
different reasons."

FIRST ORDER
OF BUSINESS: A NEW,
MORE SUITABLE BODY
FOR ME.



"I worked many long, grueling hours. There's a *reason* I enslave others to do this sort of thing for me!"

"In that time, I learned a few key things about my tormentors..."



"First, Sigma is from another world--another *time*--of far superior technology, which I'd love to steal for my own."

"Second, he's managed to gain some command of the Genesis Portals. More research I'd like for myself."

"And third..."



"...he's staggeringly egotistical. I'll have to use that to my advantage."

EXCELLENT WORK, DOCTOR! ESPECIALLY FOR A MERE HUMAN.



SIGMA-1
MAVERICK
OVERLORD
REBORN



YES, WELL, IT'S NICE TO BE APPRECIATED. NOW THAT YOU HAVE YOUR BODY, YOU CAN DO THE REST.

...WHAT JUST HAPPENED...?



OH, I'M NO BUILDER, DOCTOR. YOU HAVE *MUCH* MORE YET TO DO!



THERE'S NO WAY I'LL BUILD ALL THAT FOR--!



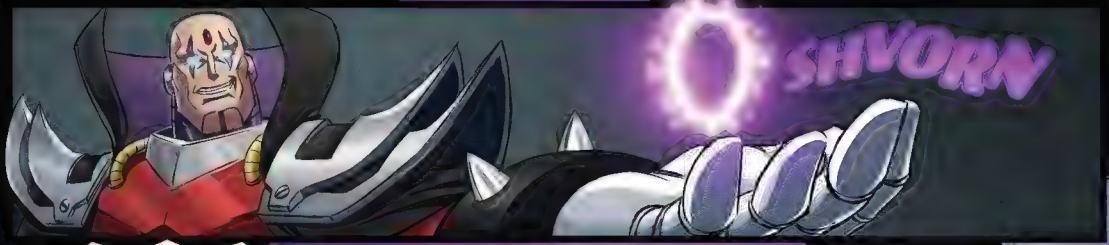
»SIGH» I MEAN, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BUILD ALL THAT WITHOUT SOME HELP. I'M EXHAUSTED, AND...AND... YOUR DESIGNS ARE JUST SO ADVANCED...!

AND I'LL NEED AN ACCOMPLICE-- OR DECOY--TO GET OUT OF THIS MESS!

HMM...YES, I KNOW JUST THE MAN TO HELP YOU. MY CONQUEST WOULD HAVE US CROSS PATHS EVENTUALLY, BUT THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT.



ER... WHO?



NO! HELP! SOMEBODY HELP MEEEEEEEE!



DR. ALBERT W. WILY
MEGA MAN'S (SUPPOSEDLY)
DEAD NEMESIS

"I submit this as proof that the fates hate me. Out of all the universes and all the beings in them, Sigma had to choose him..."



WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT IS THAT?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

DR. EGGMAN NEEDS HIS REST, AND DR. WILY NEEDS TO GET HIS BEARINGS. SEE THEM BOTH TO A PRISON EGG.

TOMORROW--
THEY WORK!



YOUR ROOM,
GENTLEMEN.

OOF!

EEP!

PLEASANT
NIGHTMARES.
HAAAAHA!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
I WAS JUST KIDNAPPED INTO
FORCED LABOR! * WHAT WERE
THOSE MONSTERS?!

THEY'RE
CALLED "ZETI."
BEYOND THAT I DON'T
KNOW AND I DON'T
CARE.

*MEGA
MAN #49

NOW QUIT YOUR SIMPERING!
WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR
TOMORROW. YOU MAY NOT
LIKE ME, AND I DON'T
LIKE YOU--

HUH--?

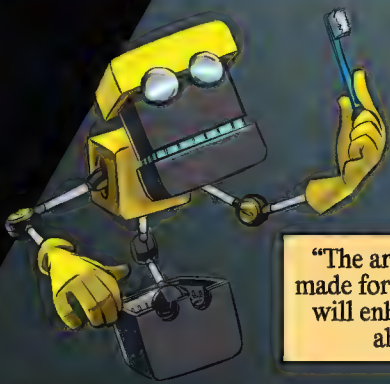
--BUT I
HAVE A
PLAN.

IF WE PULL IT OFF,
WE CAN MAKE CHUMPS
OUT OF SIGMA, SONIC
AND MEGA MAN.

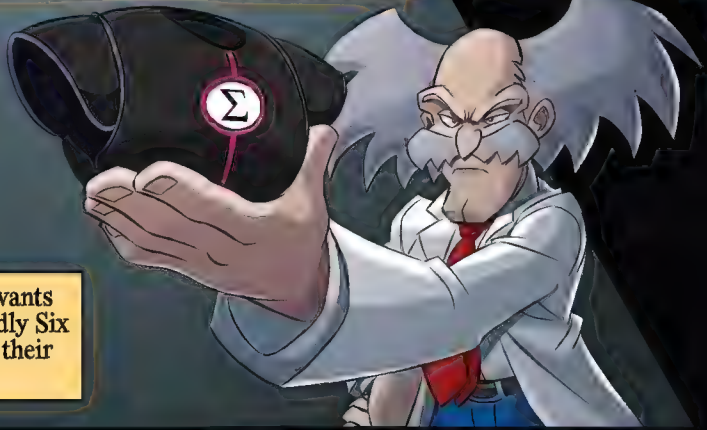
YOU HAVE MY
UNDIVIDED
ATTENTION.



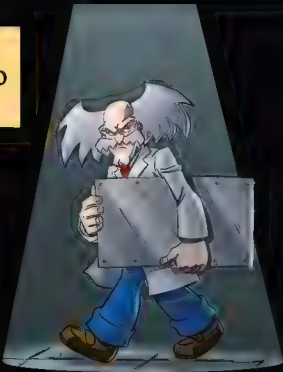
"I looked over the designs Sigma wants us to build. Turning my badnik assembly line into what he calls a "mechaniloid factory" is as mundane as it is insulting..."



"The armor he wants made for the Deadly Six will enhance all their abilities."



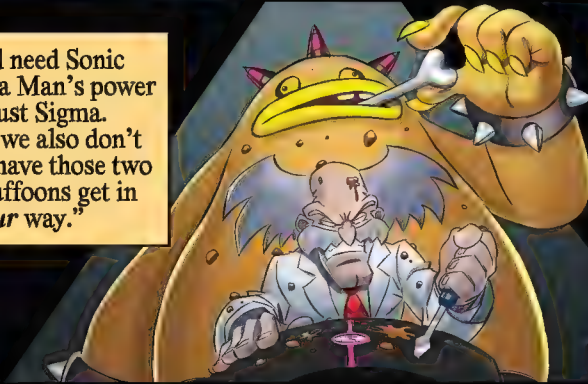
"Sigma's also built a trap into the armors."



"Those treasonous Zeti will get what's coming to them!"



"We'll need Sonic and Mega Man's power to oust Sigma. Though we also don't want to have those two blue buffoons get in *our* way."



"To that end, I think we need to appeal to Sigma's viral, corruption-happy side..."

SOON...

WHY IS BUILDING FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S CONQUEST SO MUCH MORE EXHAUSTING THAN BUILDING FOR YOUR OWN?

YOUR HEART'S JUST NOT IN IT. CRAFTING YOUR OWN TOOLS OF CONQUEST IS JUST INHERENTLY SWEETER.

I CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT.

WITH THIS POWER I'VE GIFTED YOU, TOGETHER WE CAN ENACT MY PLAN THAT WILL CONSUME **WORLDS**.

A PLAN THAT WILL BE PERFECT WITH ONE MINOR ADJUSTMENT...

WITH **US** IN CONTROL. WE SERVE **NO ONE**-- AS SLAVES OR PARTNERS!

OUR NATURAL ABILITIES ALLOW US TO CONTROL MACHINES.

NOW, EMPOWERED BY THIS ARMOR, WE CAN CONTROL EVEN ROBOTS AS ADVANCED AS YOU, SIGMA!





HAHAHA!

I AM NO MERE ROBOT-- I AM A **REPLOID!** AND WHILE YOU MAY COMMAND MY **BODY,** **NOTHING** CAN CONTROL MY WILL.



THANKS TO THAT ARMOR, HOWEVER, THE SAME CANNOT BE SAID FOR YOU!



I DIDN'T THINK I'D NEED TO PLAY MY TRUMP CARD SO EARLY. ORGANIC BEINGS ARE SUCH TREACHEROUS, FRAIL THINGS...

LET THIS BE A WARNING TO YOU, DOCTORS. NOW-- GET TO WORK ON THE UNITY ENGINES. I WANT TO CLAIM THE POWER OF YOUR WORLDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WHAT ARE YOU--?

Nudge
Nudge

Oh!
RIGHT!

ACTUALLY, SIGMA, I HAD A THOUGHT ON THAT...

YES, WE DID!

STICK TO THE SCRIPT!

ON MY WORLD, THERE'S THIS OBNOXIOUS LITTLE BOY ROBOT WHO FANCIES HIMSELF A HERO-- MEGA MAN!

THE MINUTE YOU TRY TO PLACE THE UNITY ENGINE ON MY WORLD, HE'S GOING TO SHOW UP AND RUIN YOUR PLANS.

YOU'VE SPIED ON MY WORLD, SO YOU KNOW IT'S THE SAME!

TRUST ME-- I'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS SCENARIO A FEW TIMES NOW.


WE'RE HIDDEN HERE ON LOST HEX, BUT THE MINUTE YOU LEAVE THIS BASE, YOU'LL HAVE TO CONTEND WITH SONIC!

FAIR POINTS. VERY WELL--HOW DO YOU SUGGEST I DEAL WITH THEM?



WHY, PREEMPTIVELY
OF COURSE!

YOU'VE GOT
THE DEADLY
SIX UNDER
YOUR
CONTROL.



USE THEM TO
AMBUSH THE
SO-CALLED
"HEROES"!!



AND SINCE YOU CAN COMMAND
THE GENESIS PORTALS (SOMEHOW),
YOU CAN ATTACK THEM WITH EASE!

WITH THEM SAFELY
INCAPACITATED, YOU
CAN HAVE THEM
BROUGHT HERE.



THAT'S WHEN WE APPLY OUR GENIUS™



--AND WE CONVERT THESE SO-CALLED "HEROES" INTO MERE MINIONS FOR YOU!



AFTER ALL, THEY CAN'T FIGHT YOUR INSTALLATION OF THE UNITY ENGINES WHEN THEY'RE INSTALLING THEM FOR YOU!



PLUS, YOU GET THE SWEET SATISFACTION OF BENDING YOUR ENEMIES TO YOUR WILL!



SOON...

AH... IF YOU COULD ONLY SEE ME NOW, X. HOW FAR I'VE COME FROM OUR LITTLE FEUD.

WITH THIS MASTER ENGINE, THE POWER OF TWO WORLDS WILL BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO ME.

THEIR POWER WILL FUEL MY EVOLUTION. WILL YOU EVEN BE ABLE TO CONCEPTUALIZE WHAT I'LL HAVE BECOME WHEN I COME FOR YOU, I WONDER?

I'VE EVEN ACQUIRED MY--Heh-- "TRADITIONAL" EIGHT COMMANDERS. ALTHOUGH TWO ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING... "RECRUITED."

I WILL ADMIT, I WAS DUBIOUS AT FIRST. BUT NOW, I'M RATHER EXCITED FOR YOUR PLAN, DOCTORS.

HOW GOES IT?





WORLDS! UNITE!

PART ONE ACROSS TIME & SPACE

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 IN THE MEANTIME, THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES NEXT TIME IN **SONIC BOOM™ #8!**
 YOU CAN CATCH UP ON ALL THE PAST **SONIC AND MEGA MAN** ACTION WITH THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

WORLDS UNITE

HI EVERYONE!!! This is editor **Vincent Lovallo** coming to you live from the editorial column of *Sonic Universe* #76! I hope you all enjoyed reading the first issue of the epic "Worlds Unite" storyline as much as we did making it! If you thought this issue was awesome... well... you're right and you have excellent taste in comics! There's plenty more awesomeness where that came from, so get psyched!

Speaking of awesome, I'd like to take a moment to give a special tip of the hat to all involved in this special crossover event. A lot of production goes into these books each month, from the initial ideas for the story to the completed work of art you hold in your hands. I couldn't be prouder of the **Archie Action Team** for all their wonderful work and continued efforts to make these comic books the best that they can be!



Finally, I'd like to give a GIGANTIC THANKS to all the fans for their continued support of the **Archie Action** titles. It's all thanks to you that we can create crazy cool comics consecutively! Alliteration FTW!

That's all for now! The crossover chaos continues DIRECTLY in *Sonic Boom* #8! Be sure to pick it up for another helping of awesome! Oh, and don't forget that each issue of the crossover features at least two variant covers which you can get at your local comic shop (the "COVERS UNITE" variants combine to make one giant image and it's super sweet!)
PLUGGITYPLUGPLUG! — IT WILL NEVER END! :)

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OFF-PANEL

EVIL POT PIE

OR...

DUMMOS UNITE ACT PRBBT

WITH SIGMA'S CONSCIOUSNESS COURSE THROUGH MY CIRCUITS / AM NOW AN EVIL GENIUS MASTERMIND!

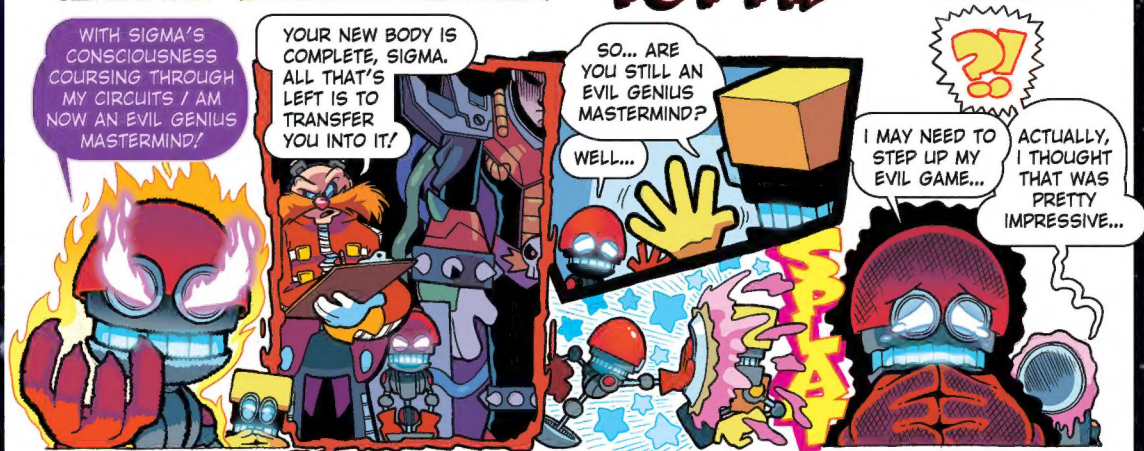
YOUR NEW BODY IS COMPLETE, SIGMA. ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO TRANSFER YOU INTO IT!

SO... ARE YOU STILL AN EVIL GENIUS MASTERMIND?

WELL...

I MAY NEED TO STEP UP MY EVIL GAME...

ACTUALLY, I THOUGHT THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE...



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